

1 THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR
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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 MICHAEL ANDREW WOOD,

14 Defendant.

CASE NO. CR20-0092-JCC-14

ORDER

15 This matter comes before the Court on Defendant's motion for the appointment of
16 counsel (Dkt No. 1193), which the Court GRANTS for the reasons explained herein.

17 The Court described the procedural history of this case in a prior order regarding
18 compassionate release. (See Dkt. No. 1126.) It will not repeat that history here. Defendant now
19 moves for the appointment of counsel. (Dkt. No. 1111.) This is to assist in a renewed request for
20 compassionate release. (See Dkt. No. 1167). There is no requirement that counsel be appointed in
21 this matter. *See U.S. v. Townsend*, 98 F.3d 510, 512 (9th Cir. 1996). Nevertheless, the Court
22 referred Defendant's motion (Dkt. No. 1193) to the office of the Federal Public Defender
23 ("FPD") in accordance with General Order 3-19. And the FPD recommends that counsel be
24 appointed. In addition, the Court notes that the Government has not lodged a timely brief in
25 opposition to Defendant's request.

26 For this reason, the Court GRANTS Defendant's motion (Dkt. No. 1193). Defense

1 counsel, once appointed, shall meet and confer with the Government within seven days.
2 Collectively they shall propose a briefing schedule for Defendant's motion for compassionate
3 release (Dkt. No. 1167) and related requests within seven days after conferring. To note – this
4 appointment is solely for purposes of seeking Defendant's compassionate release (and related
5 requests).

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7 So ORDERED this 26th day of April 2024.

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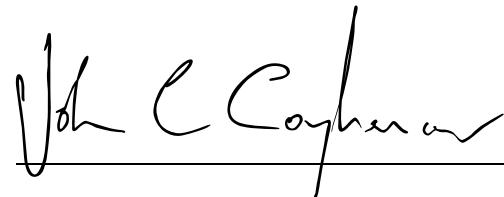
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John C. Coughenour
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE